

Agency 74 - Nebraska Power Review Board

Statutory Authority:

The Nebraska Power Review Board is a statutorily created Board responsible for the regulation of electrical power suppliers operating in the State of Nebraska. The Board's primary authority and duties are set out in Nebraska Revised Statutes, Chapter 70, Article 10.

Vision Statement:

The vision of the Nebraska Power Review Board is that the residents of the State of Nebraska receive adequate, reliable electric service at the lowest overall cost possible, and that the Board does its part to create an environment in which Nebraska's power suppliers are enabled to achieve those objectives.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Power Review Board is to regulate Nebraska's electric industry to ensure that Nebraska's residents receive adequate, reliable electric service at the lowest overall cost possible using sound business practices, to eliminate conflict and competition between Nebraska's power suppliers, to eliminate duplication of facilities and resources among those power suppliers, to facilitate the settlement of rate disputes and service area disputes between power suppliers, and to issue an annual report to the Governor and Legislature monitoring the conditions in the electric industry that indicate whether retail competition would benefit Nebraska's residents. The Board also strives to facilitate resolution of conflicts among power suppliers, and between power suppliers and customers in limited circumstances. When resolution is not possible, the Board will conduct hearings.

Goals:

1. To properly enforce all provisions of Nebraska statutes pertaining to the electric industry in the State of Nebraska.
2. Work with Nebraska's power suppliers to plan for future electrical generation and transmission needs for the residents of the State of Nebraska.
3. Facilitate resolution of disputes among Nebraska's power suppliers.
4. Inform Nebraska's residents of the laws and regulations governing Nebraska's power suppliers, and to assist them with resolving problems, when possible.
5. To implement the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. section 70-1003 (5) to (8) to ensure that the Governor, Legislature and Nebraska's residents receive adequate information concerning the conditions in the electric industry that indicate whether retail competition would benefit Nebraska's residents.
6. To represent Nebraska's interests in forums and organizations pertaining to electric issues in general, and specifically the operations and structure of regional transmission organizations.
7. To enhance agency efficiency by streamlining and consolidating records maintained by the Board such as the documents concerning public power district charters and service area agreements.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	233,500	372,140	363,210	367,161	367,245	369,747
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Program Objectives:

The Power Review Board is a single-program agency. The Board's overall objective is the enforcement of Nebraska's laws concerning the electrical industry, the regulation of that industry, providing a forum for disputes among power suppliers, and to ensure that Nebraska's residents will receive adequate electricity with high reliability, at the lowest cost possible using sound business practices.

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Performance Measures:

Because the Power Review Board is primarily a regulatory and quasi-judicial body, the Board's performance is difficult to measure in any objective or statistical terms. The Board tries to work with Nebraska's electric power suppliers to ensure that Nebraska's residents receive an adequate and reliable supply of electricity at the lowest possible rates, and to avoid duplication of facilities and conflict and competition among Nebraska's consumer-owned power suppliers. To achieve this end, the Board will a) promptly and thoroughly review and act on all applications for construction of generation and transmission facilities, for amending public power district charters, and to amend service area agreements; b) provide the Governor and Legislature with a thorough report on the conditions in the electric industry as required in 70-1003(6); c) work with power suppliers and customers to resolve disputes; and d) when necessary, represent Nebraska's interests before formal and informal forums and organizations dealing with electric industry issues.